S. No.	States	No. of Districts Identified	Name of Univesity/ Institute	Districts
15.	Uttar Pradesh	8	GBPUAT. Pantnagar	45. Nainital
			CSAUA&T, Kanpur	46. Mainpuri
				47. Mahoba
				48. Kanpur-Dehat
			NDUA&T. Faizabad	49. Gorakhpur
				50. Faizabad
				51. Maharajganj
				52. Sonbhadra
16.	West Bengal	1	BCKVV, Mohanpur	53. Coochbehar

Technology Mission to improve the quality of Cotton

4874. SHRI. C.RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched cotton technology mission to improve the yield and quality of cotton in India;

(b) if so, what are the arrangements being made to attract the farmers into cotton cultivation;

(c) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh sent a proposal to Government to set up a Cotton Board on the lines of Tobacco and Tea Boards; and

(d) if so, what is the follow up action by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to improve the production and quality of cotton, the Government of India have recently launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton in various cotton growing states. The Technology Mission on Cotton comprises of four Mini Missions. The Mini Mission-I is to be dealt by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for the development of area specific techologies including high yielding varieties/hybrids. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is the nodal agency for the implementation of Mini Mission-II through the modification of the existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme for enhancing production of cotton. The Mini Mission-Ill for the development of market infrastructure and Mini

Mission-IV on the modernisation of ginning/pressing factories are to be implemented by the Ministry of Textiles.

In the Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini Mission-II, major thrust has been given for the transfer of technology through field demonstration, integrated past management demonstration and farmers training as well as use of certified seeds of newer varieties/hybrids, sprayers, drip/sprinklers, pheromone traps and bio-agents.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A proposal in this connection was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The proposal was examined but the Ministry did not support the proposal for establishment of Cotton Board particularly in view of the scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton.

Development of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Industry in U.P.

4875. PROF M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme and programmes for development of animal husbandry and dairy industry in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated and released for the same during the last five years; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture has sponsored several schemes to supplement the effort of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for development of animal husbandry and dairy industry in the state. The major schemes include Extension of Frozen Semen Technology, National Bull Production Programmes and Integrated Dairy Development Projects in Non Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas. A sum of Rs. 1859.97 lakh has been released for the same to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh during the last five years.

Agriculture Marketing Facilities in Uttar Pradesh

4876. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: